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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 5270**  
Takanori SHINOKI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2000\_0465A  
Serial No. 09/529,255 : Group Art Unit 1771  
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**SUPPORT MEMBER FOR SEMIPERMEABLE**  
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**STATUS INQUIRY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please advise the undersigned Attorney of Record as to the present status of the above identified application, and advise when an Official Action may be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

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